

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Sumio SUGITA, et al.

Docket No: Q87633

Appln. No.: 10/534,354

Group Art Unit: 3722

Confirmation No.: 4827

Examiner: Erica E CADUGAN

Filed: May 9, 2005

For: **SPINDLE APPARATUS AND MACHINE TOOL HAVING THE SPINDLE APPARATUS**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 18, 2007, Applicants elect Species I, Figs. 1-3, for examination on the merits. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10-14, 29, 30, and 34-38, are readable on the elected Species.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application. Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 3, 4, 7-9, 15-28, 31-33, 39, and 40.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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